

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. B-4349

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic 326 North Howard Street  
and/or common Sumi's Discount Housewares

**2. Location**

street & number 326 N. Howard Street ☐ not for publication  
city, town Baltimore ☐ vicinity of ☐ congressional district Seventh  
state Maryland ☐ county Baltimore

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joseph and Gertrude Shasho  
street & number 9406 Tullsmere Road telephone no.:  
city, town Randallstown state and zip code MD 21133

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse liber 3938  
street & number 100 N. Calvert Street, Room 610 folio 413  
city, town Baltimore state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title  
date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local  
depository for survey records  
city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Resource Count: 1

This circa 1880 commercial building faces east on N. Howard Street and abuts two partywall structures. The shed-roof, three-story, brick building has a street frontage of 15'0" and a depth of 70'. The upper stories retain the late Victorian brick embellishments.

The first story has been altered. It is one bay wide with a glass door in the north side and a large display window in the south. Remnants of the 19th-century pilasters that ran along the storefront's edges are still visible, as is a section of a metal cornice that ran across the first story facade. The cornice consists of a boxed cornice supported by nine scrolled brackets with a dentil course running in between the brackets. This cornice is partially obscured by a modern sign that stretches over the facade.

The second story is divided into two bays. Each bay has rounded brick arches capped by molded brick in an egg and dart pattern. The arches spring from a molded brick stringcourse that bisects the second story. A pair of windows is recessed under each arch. The window pair is divided by a wood pilaster. Each half of the window is 1/1 sash with a fixed quarter-round transom. The transom bar is embellished by a wood dentil course.

A brick dentil course separates the second and third stories. The third story is divided into three bays. Each bay has one 1/1 sash window with fixed transom, stone sill and two-brick soldier courses. The transom bars are embellished by a wood dentil course.

The cornice consists of a fillet, ogee, back band and a modillion course. A parapet wall rises above. It is ornamented by three rectangular sections of brick work laid in a three-dimensional toothed pattern. A narrow cornice crowns the shed roof.

The gap between this building and its neighbor is filled in with a three-story strip of brick.

The back (west) wall does not reach the alley. Instead it is covered up by the L-shape footprint of the neighboring building to the south.

The interior has been completely altered. It is covered with wall boarding and acoustical tile.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☒ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This circa 1880 commercial building is a good example of Victorian commercial architecture. The polychromy of the window lintels, the Richardsonian Romanesque arches on the second story, and the toothed brick parapet show the Victorian taste for ornamentation and decorative effect. The degree of detail and size of the building do not make this a particularly showy example, but rather are indicative of Victorian tastes even within fairly modest commercial structures. The use of pressed and molded brick and terra cotta in several colors indicates the advancements in brick technology as well as in design aesthetics.

The presence of only one entrance in the facade suggests that the building was intended for one tenant's use only. Most likely, the first story would have been used for sales or display area and the upper stories would have been used as offices or light manufacturing or storage areas.

The building's three-story height is indicative of the middling land values in this section of Howard Street. Further south, four- and five-story buildings predominate, but from this point north most of Howard Street is built up with three-story buildings.

The post-World War Two alterations to the first story created a "modern" commercial design aesthetic. The use of traditional materials steel and plate glass were combined to modernize the appearance of the street-level shop into a floor-to-ceiling display window.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Richard Longstreth, <sup>11</sup>The Buildings of Main Street (Washington: Preservation Press, 1987).

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Baltimore East Quad

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
301-514-7600

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA**

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization:  
Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930  
Modern Period, 1930-present, alterations

Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture  
Economics

Resource Type:  
Building

Historic Environment:  
Urban

Historic Function and Use:  
Commercial

Known Design Source:  
None



## REVISIONS

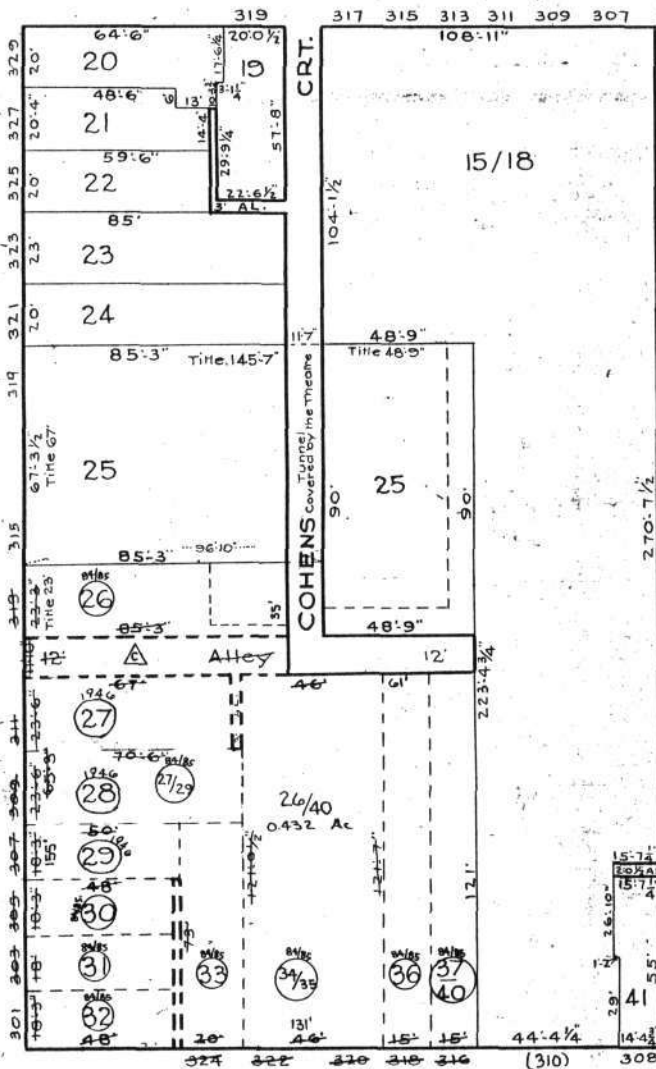
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 Lots 5/6 & 7 CONSID PER APP. C. SH. 9440  
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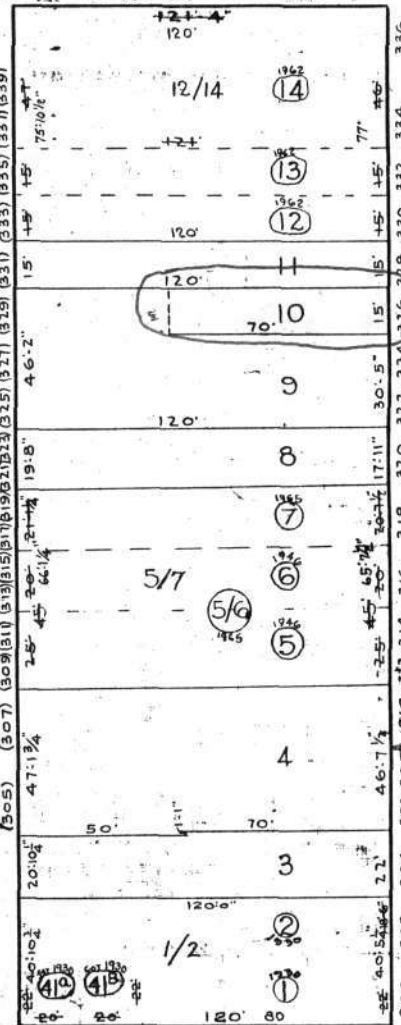


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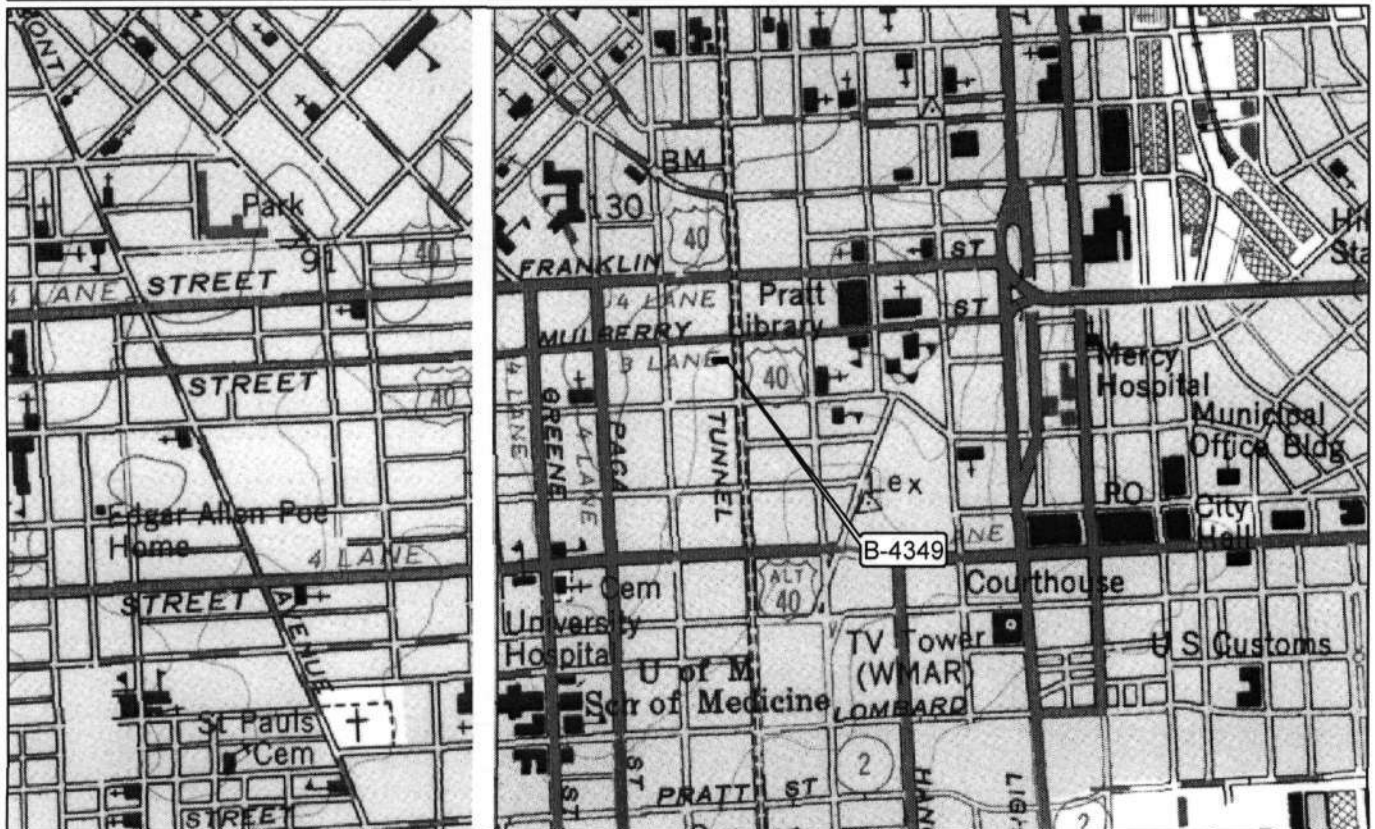
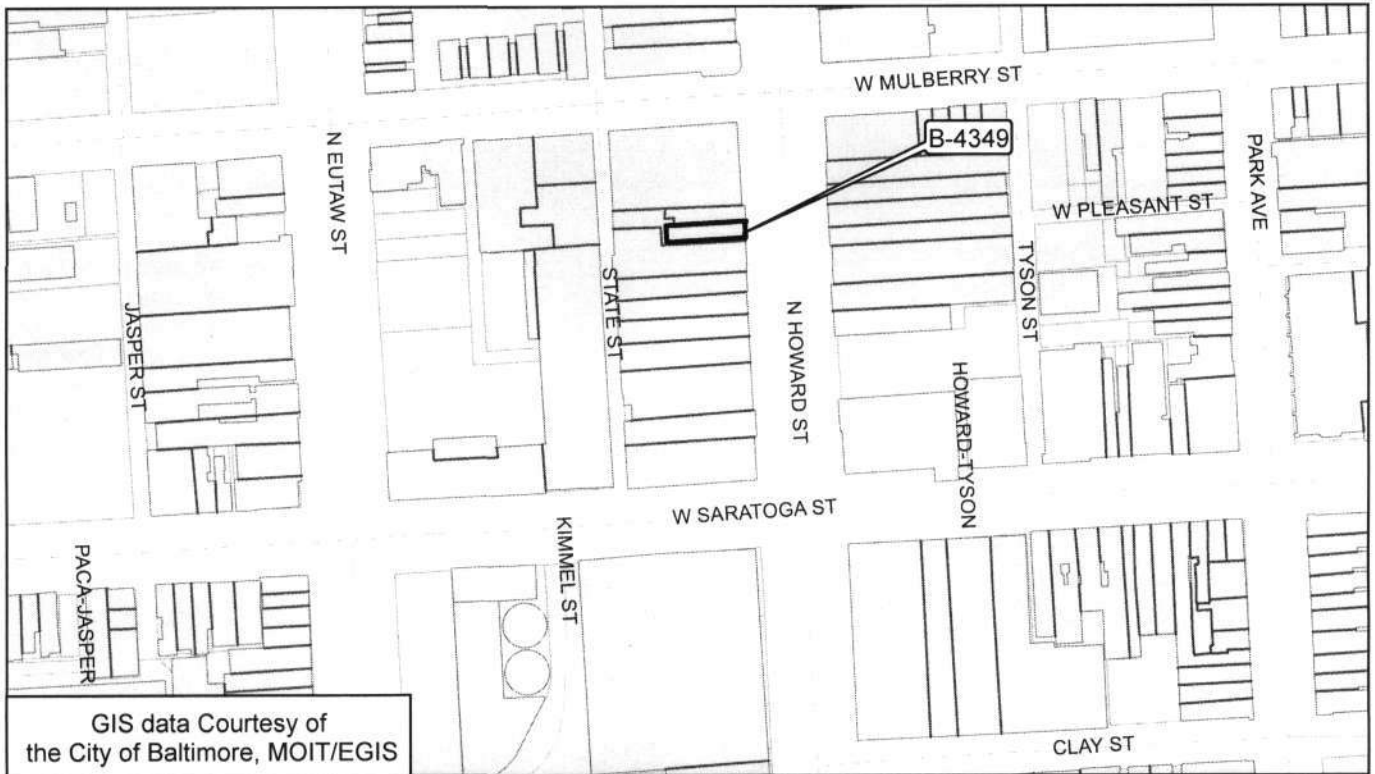
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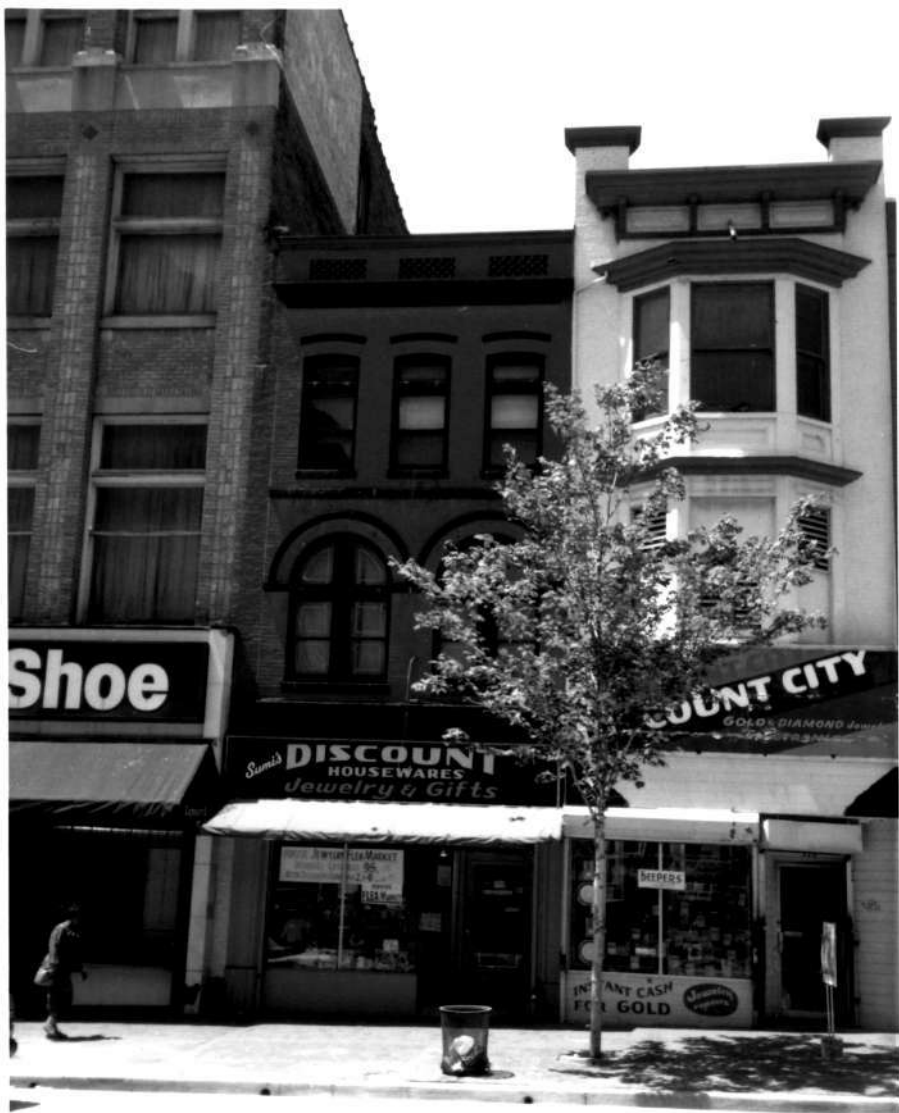
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 PROPERTY LOCATION DIVISION

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 CH. BAIN  
 ITERED BY J. S. ROKOSKY

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 Sumi's Discount Housewares  
 326 N. Howard Street  
 Block 0577, Lot 010  
 Baltimore City  
 Baltimore East Quad.







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326 N. Howard St.  
Baltimore MD

Diane Shaw

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Maryland SHPO

Facade, east elevation

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